

Miscellaneous Notes

1. A NOTE ON THE BIRTH OF A GOLDEN CAT (*FELIS TEMMINCKI*) IN CAPTIVITY

The female of a pair of normal coloured golden cats (*Felis temmincki*) with the Nandankanan Zoo (Orissa) since 29.iii.1967 gave birth to a black coloured female cub on 19.iv.1970. However, the cub died within 48 hours of birth. The dead cub weighed 110 gm. and measured 29 cm. from tip to tip including the 9 cm. long tail. The body coat was thick and black without any pattern.

In the available literature there is no mention of birth weight and size (Crandall 1965; Walker *et al.* 1964; Prater 1965). According to Prater (loc. cit.) the cubs have longer and thicker coat than the adults and lack pattern. According to Walker *et al.* (loc. cit.) melanistic specimens are fairly common. There are several records of birth of this cat in captivity in U.S.A.

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2. OCCURRENCE OF THE FLAMINGO IN INTERIOR MAHARASHTRA

Approximately sixty flamingos, *Phoenicopterus roseus*, were sighted near the village of Madh 112 kilometres from the Arabian Sea on September 7, 1970.